

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Chief, Executive Staff, DDI

SUBJECT

: Comments on H.R. 968

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1. The passage of H.R. 968 establishing the Natural Resource Information System within the Department of Commerce may have some effect on the handling of CIA information reports and other memoranda on world resources. The bill provides for the establishment of public, confidential and secret libraries; the latter two would access natural resource information "which would be inconsistent with the national security" to make available to the general public. Although most of our data on world resources, with the exception of [REDACTED]

production estimates is unclassified, it is not clear how extensive their holdings might be of classified CIA reports pertaining to foreign natural resources. It may be useful for the Legislative Counsel to check on this point as well as security provisions concerning access to the confidential and secret libraries.

2. The Director of the proposed Bureau of Natural Resource Information is empowered under the bill to "promptly establish consultation, liaison, and exchange agreements with (1) all departments and agencies of the Federal Government". Thus it appears clear that CIA would be asked to supply pertinent information to the library systems.

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